

Application No. 10/656,430
Amendment Dated September 10, 2004
Reply to Office Action of July 14, 2004

REMARKS

In the Office Action of July 14, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 12-14, 20, 21 and 23. The attached claim amendments cancel the claims rejected by the Examiner.

The Examiner objected to claims 4-11, 15-19 and 22 as depending from rejected base claims, but determined that those claims would be allowable if placed in independent form incorporating all limitations of the claims from which the objected-to claims depend. The attached claim amendments place claims 4, 15, and 22 in independent form and incorporate all of the limitations from which those claims depended. Claims 4 (presently amended), 15 (presently amended) and 22 (presently amended) therefore should now be in condition for allowance, consistent with the Office Action.

Claims 5-11 (original) and 16-19 (original) depend from claims 4 (presently amended) and 15 (presently amended), respectively, and also should be in condition for allowance. The Applicant makes no other amendments to the application.

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Conclusion

Applicant submits that claims 4 (presently amended), 5-11 (original), 15 (presently amended), 16-19 (original) and 22 (presently amended) are in condition for allowance. Applicant requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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